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North Street News

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Today's Message

Commitment is Not a Dirty Word—Is There Ever a Good Time to Say "I Do"

Pastor Bob

Today's Schedule

9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Worship II

Serving Today

Greeters

Worship: The Mangels

Nursery

Sunday School: Joan Cole & Kathy Twerdok

Worship: Walker Hartman, Katie Kremer, & Joan Cole

The Lord's Supper

Dawn Cratty & The Grooms

Last Week at NSCC

Worship I	111
Worship II	129
Total Attendance	240

Offering

General -	\$ 5,198.25
Designated -	\$ 1,306.00
Total -	\$ 6,504.25

Building Fund

Building Fund Balance is
\$16,604.00

15% of General Offering is
Given to Missions Each Week

Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement to Ken & Phyllis Thompson, 240 Holyoke Rd., Butler, PA 16001.

"Those who regard worthless idols forsake their own Mercy. But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord."

Jonah 2:8,9

Today Is Commitment Sunday

LET THE CHURCH RISE; LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE—HERE AND NOW!

Commitment is Not a Dirty Word, *Is There Ever A Good Time to Say "I Do"?* is the title of today's message. Pastor Bob will challenge each hearer to trace his/her life through the commitments they have made! Of course the commitment to Christ and His Kingdom is the one overarching commitment that tempers all other commitments. Today we will consider the call of Christ to follow



Him, the call of the Church to live vitally as the "called out ones" spreading the message of Christ and the particular call of NSCC to love God and love people - here and now! Each hearer will then be challenged to make a commitment to our remodeling/building project, Let the Church Rise. The total cost of Phase I of the project is estimated to cost 1.5 million dollars. The project can be broken into several steps and the work will begin when we have the

first \$250,000.00 in hand. NSCC intends to remain debt free, proceeding step by step as funds are available. Let us commit to trusting together, praying together, giving together and working together!

"Commit your works to the LORD, And your thoughts will be established." Proverbs 16:3

Sunday School Classes Begin December 6th

A GREAT PLACE TO GROW!

Ladies Class: As a Christian woman, you yearn for intimacy with God. You long to know His presence, to be satisfied in heart and soul, but you don't know how. You want to be obedient, but you need a higher motivation than simply choosing to do right. True worship is both a specific act and a lifestyle. As you learn what it means to bow your knee (the/act/of worship), you'll gain a renewed intimacy with God. And as you learn to bow your thoughts, words, attitudes, will, and even pain (the/lifestyle/of worship), you'll be drawn into God's holy and life-giving presence- the place where God will truly satisfy your thirsty soul." This class will meet in room 103, taught by Sherry O'Donnell and Sam Tait

The International Sunday School Lesson Class: Human Commitment is the theme of the lessons for the Winter Quarter. People have varying levels of commitment to all kinds of things. This fact is very useful, because it reveals where a person's heart truly lies. "Are we committed to right things?" is a good question to ask ourselves and each other. In December we will examine, Commitment to the Messiah. Mary, Elisabeth, the Shepherds and John the Baptist will be our examples. In January and February we will consider Old Testament People of Commitment. We'll take a look at people such as the Hebrew midwives in Egypt, Rahab the Harlot, the mother of Samson, Nathan the Prophet and Isaiah when he answered God's call. This class meets in the Dining Room and is taught by Doug Emmett and Pastor Bob Huber.

Christian Parenting - Discipling the children God has entrusted us with is one of our primary duties as Christian parents/adoptive parents/foster parents/step-parents. There are countless models the world offers to raise children. This class will examine God's way. Taught by Pastor Jeff in the Library.

Course descriptions for the remaining classes be listed in next week's News Sheet including Jr. High to be taught in Room 102 and Sr. High at Legacy.

EVANGELISM OPPORTUNITY!

Butler County Prison Ministry

Pastor Jeff and Pressing On Ministries have some openings for men interested in evangelism at the Butler County Prison Friday evenings, from 7:30-9:30. If you are interested, plan to attend a special meeting / training for volunteers on December 6th at 9 a.m. Don't worry - we will also be doing "on the job training" - you will NOT be going alone but will be with one of our ministers as you get familiar with this ministry and what is required. If you are interested, or would like more details, please contact Pastor Jeff at 724-282-7700.

CHRISTMAS AD CAMPAIGN PROMOTES GODLESS MORALITY

The Times Are Changing!

The American Humanist Association announced a new advertising campaign this week promoting morality without religion that will feature ads on more than 200 Metrobuses in Washington D.C. "Why believe in a god?" the ad reads. "Just be good for goodness' sake." Humanist leaders say they believe it is the first ad campaign of its kind in the United States; it follows plans announced by atheists in London to place bus ads that say "There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life," starting in January. The American Family Association calls the ads "stupid," saying that God defines morality, and individuals defining what's good for themselves will result in a "crazy world." The dean of the Liberty University School of Law Matthew Staver, said, "It's the ultimate grinch to say there is no God at a time when millions of people around the world celebrate the birth of Christ. Certainly, they have the right to believe what they want, but this is insulting." Best-selling books by authors such as Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens have fueled interest in "the new atheism"—a more in-your-face argument against God's existence.

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THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING NOVEMBER 27TH & 28TH

